in appendix III (pages S 230 — S 236) of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 which was laid in Parliament on 26.2.99 and is a published document.

Joint Venture in PSUs

359. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering the joint venture route in respect of the 48 identified PSUs under his Ministry, seven of which are profit making units;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the contemplated joint venture set up therefor; and

(c) the decisions taken in the matter and the steps taken, so far, with regard to each venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Government have given, in principle, approval for conversion of 24 PSUs under the administrative jurisdiction of this Ministry into Joint Ventures. The names of 24 PSUs are given in *Statement-I* (*See* below)

In respect of one PSU, viz., Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd., the Cabinet has recently approved formation of Joint Venture with 74% equity to a private promoter.

As regards other cases, Consultants/Merchant Bankers have been appointed to tender appropriate advice in 17 cases (as per the Statement-II)

Statement-I

List of PSUs under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises where Government have given "in principle" approval for conversion into Joint Ventures.

1. Andrew Yule & Company Ltd. (AY & Co)
2. Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Ltd. (BHPV)
3. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd. (BLC)
4. Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd. (BPCL)

5. Bridge & Roof Company (India) Ltd. (B&R)
6. Cement Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI)
7. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI)
8. Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL)
9. H.M.T. Ltd.
10. H.M.T. (Bearing) Ltd.
11. Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. (HPC)
12. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. (HPF)
13. Hindustan Salts Ltd. (HSL)
14. Instrumentation Ltd. (ILK)
15. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd. (LAGAN)
16. Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd. (MNPM)
17. Nepa Ltd. (NEPA)
18. National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (NIDC)
19. Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL)
20. Scooters India Ltd. (SIL)
21. Sambhar Salts Ltd. (SSL)
22. Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd. (TSPL)
23. Tyre Corporation of India Limited (TCIL)
24. Reyrolle Burn Ltd. (RBL)

Statement-II

List of PSUs where Consultants have been appointed for locating Joint Venture Partners:

Sl. No.	Public Sector Enterprises	Consultant
1.	Andrew Yule & Company Ltd.	ICICI
2.	Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd.	SBI Caps
3.	Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.	SBI Caps
4.	Cement Corporation of India Ltd.	SBI Caps

Sl. No.	Public Sector Enterprises	Consultant
5.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	I-SEC
6.	H.M.T. (Tractors)	I-SEC
7.	H.M.T. Bearing Ltd.	SBI Caps
8.	Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Price Water House Coopers
9.	Hindustan Salts Ltd.	SBI Caps
10.	NEPA Ltd.	SBI Caps
11.	Scooters India Ltd.	Price Water House Coopers
12.	Sambhar Salts Ltd.	SBI Caps
13.	Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.	IDBI
14.	Bridge & Roof Company (India) Ltd.	A.F. Ferguson
15.	Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Ltd.	Billimoria & Company
16.	Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.	A.F. Ferguson
17.	Instrumentation Ltd.	IDBI

Investment made by CPSUs and Private Sector Undertakings in Assam

360. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount of investment made by the Central Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector Undertakings in the State of Assam from 1991 to December 31, 1999;

(b) what are the details of the central projects located in Assam in which the private companies and Government propose to make more investment in the State;

(c) the names of such Central and other projects; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The investment made in the gross block of CPSUs in the State of Assam during the period 31.3.91 to 31.3.98, till which